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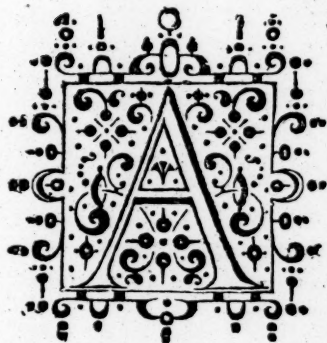


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*The Remonstrance and Resolutions of the Protestant
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As the fairest actions are obvious to detraction ; So the foulest are palliated with the neatest gloss to make those things (which in their owne shape would seeme detestable) specious formalities of vertue it selfe ; We shall not neede other instances hereof then the late unhappy Peace concluded in this Dominion, Which should we but looke on in its own shape and cloathing was no other, but a meere submission of the Protestant Religion and the English interest in this Dominion , under the slavish and barbarous yoke of the Romish Church and Irish Anarchy.

On the treaty of the Cessation what were the pretences used to encline the poore deluded English thereto , but that there should be a cleere submission to the interest of the English Nation and the Authority of England : That the Irish should deliver up all their chiefe Townes to be garrisoned by the English ; That wee should have such increase of Quarters & pay for maintenance of the Army which should be of great advantage, &c. And instead hereof what followed , but that all the garrisons in Connaght , Munster and

Leinster, which were gained in by the English, with much hardship and expence of Blood, were againe deposited on the hands of the Irish; All our Quarters in the Countyes of Typperary, Lymericke and Thomonde, which paid us Contribution are quitted by us to the maintenance of *Taaffes* Army the dreggs of *Knocknenos*, And even the very Tithes & Ecclesiasticall duties of the Protestant Ministry, allowed in those parts for maintenance of the Romish Priesthood.

To passe from the Cessation to the Peace, we shall onely observe, that the Irish could propose or desire no more to be granted unto them, then was granted them by the Articles of Peace (viz.) That the power of the titular Lord Lieutenant the Marquesse of *Ormonde*, was chayned up by the entervall Commissioners who was to act nothing without the consent of seven or more of them, of which, The Popish Archbishop of *Tuam*, and the Bishop of *Lymericke* were, though not expressed in Print. All places and offices, Military, Judiciall, Ministeriall, Civill, and other to be disposed off, by their assents and not otherwise, with all the priviledges & immunities granted which could be desired by an indulgent and loyall people, with liberty of application for future and further concessions and promises of grant thereof.

If these things tend to the propagation and profession of the Protestant Religion and submission to an English interest the actions and conclusions of these times doe make other demonstration then really they are.

Surely, The giving away of our Churches & scites of Abbeyes in all parts of this Land, except the Countyes of Corcke, Waterford, Kerry, gave but an introduction

introduction to the Irish to lay claime unto the rest in those Countyes also; And the Act of oblivion for taking away our goods & the lives of many of us was but a faire inducement to allure the Irish to attempt once more to take away the lives of the rest which remained, and then our lands were their owne also.

How palpable experience teacheth us this truth, the sad occurrences of late can demonstrate, when as the onely blood that must be expended against Droghedah, Dundalke, Trim, Kildare, &c. must be of English Protestants, against persons of their owne Religion & Nation, whiles the Irish must sit still at three miles distance in a secure posture looking on Dublin; And when with the expence of their blood these places are gotten who are the confident to receive the guerdon of these mens labours but the Irish and Papists, as *Daniell O Neile* in Trim, and *Sir Arthur Aston* in Droghedah.

When at a neerer distance the Army drew to besiege Dublin, who were the men exposed to all the hardshippes and danger of service but the English Protestants? which fought gallantly whiles the Irish ran away and plundered them. And after this for their good service as persons suspected the greater number of the Cavalry of those English must be designed to be drawne into Kilkenny to be disarmed as persons not to be trusted any longer.

This being at present avoyded, the next designe is to draw the rest of the English out of their guarrisons and to place Irish in them to take care of their wives, children and estates, as persons not fit to be trusted with their own, least thereby the drawing in of the French, and delivering up of those guarrison, and the
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rest of the Kingdome unto them, were a thing of small moment, Which had been really performed if the Embassy of the Lord Viscount *Muskery* to that purpose had not (by Gods providence making us the instruments to preserve this place) been annihilated.

But now the change of things hath changed the designe, (though some approve of the rest of the garrisons to be a thing considerable to deliver as a pawn to the French without this of Corcke.) For *Owen Roe O Neile* must now be Courted with the title of *Generallissimo* of all the Armyes in this Island; so as hee will undertake to fight with Generall *Cromwell*. And least hee should be shy of such a thing hee shall be promised the Earledome of Tyrone; That all our garrisons shall be delivered into the hands of the Irish; That all persons shall conforme themselves to the Roman Catholike faith in doctrine and discipline. And that the sole management of the Military power of the Land, shall be in him. And if by these proceedings there be any test of supporting the Protestant Religion and English interest in these Dominions Wee leave to the judicious.

The next thing then to be considered is how farre the Kings power doth extend in all these transactions, The name is used, but by the Articles of Peace the Court of Wards, the revenue of the Crowne, the disposing of all places and offices is in the Irish, and what not? So as there may arise a great question, whether there be any thing left but the name of a King which they weare as a cloake like the pretence of Religion for their owne ends.

These things being considered, the question being no longer for the Kings interest, but whether We must

must be slaves to that nation Wee have conquered;
will make us looke about & contemplate from whence
wee have swerved. And withall to lift up our hearts
and hands to Almighty God in prayer to restore us to
our former being and profession, for the Protestant
Religion and interest of the English Nation. And
therefore Wee doe here in the presence of Almighty
God resolve to submit our selves to the power of our
own Nation in the Parliament of England, & to his Ex-
cellency the Lord Lieutenant *Cromwell* their Generall
for this Dominion, And with the hazard of our lives
and fortunes according to our late Remonstrance and
Protestation to defend our selves against the Irish and
English Papists or disaffected Protestants in Armes a-
gainst us; And doe really and truly professe our selves
members and branches of the Reformed Churches;
And bound by the duty Wee owe to our Religion,
Countrey, and those which imployed us hither to
prosecute the warre against the Irish with all the pos-
sible vigour and alacrity whatsoever hardshippes Wee
undergoe. And Wee hope that the Parliament of
England will looke on us as people that have beene
under a mediate authority seduced by the power and
subtilties of our late Commander in Chiefe who hath
done or consented unto these things done to the very
neere destruction and extinguishment of our Religion
and Nation in this Province and Kingdome.

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